

KIRKHEATON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTHfor the year 1937

To the Chairman and Members of Kirkheaton U.D.C.



Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure of presenting my 18th Annual Report.

In view of the amalgamation of areas, I presume this will be also my final Report.

I regret this conclusion, as I agree with the general opinion that in losing our identity in a larger body, we are also losing the close and intimate touch with local conditions, which a body of Councillors, many of which *we have* live miles away, cannot be expected to ever have or remotely develop. It is to be hoped that Kirkheaton, situated on the margin of the new district, will not suffer neglect in comparison with the central area, and that our few Councillors on the amalgamated Council will not be "Voices crying in the Wilderness."

- (A) 1. AREA. The Urban District comprises 1674 acres, including 13 acres of water.
2. POPULATION. This is now 2439.
3. INHABITED HOUSES at end of 1937 according to Rate Book 755 of which 740 are working class.
4. THE RATEABLE VALUE is £8,380.
A penny rate was equal to £30.
5. SOCIAL CONDITIONS
The population is almost entirely industrial, textile chiefly, followed by farming and engineering as the chief occupations.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S.(B) BIRTHS. Total registered = 44.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	
Live Births (Legitimate)	23	16	
(Illegitimate)	1	2	
Total	24	18 =	42

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Still births. (Legitimate)	2	Nil.
(Illegitimate)	Nil	Nil.
Total	2	Nil.

The total registered in 1936 was 37.

The Birthrate per 1000 estimated population = 18.

The Still Birthrate per 1000 (live & still) Births = 45.4.

DEATHS. The total number of deaths belonging to the area was 35.

Males	16) = 35.
Females	19	

This is an increase of 5. on 1936.

There were no deaths by violence.

Twelve deaths occurred outside the Urban District.

CHIEF CAUSES OF DEATH.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Tuberculosis - all forms	Nil.	Nil.
Cancer	1	4
Influenza	1	Nil.
Pneumonia (all forms)	1	1
Heart Diseases	9	9
Cerebral Haemorrhage	Nil.	1
Congenital Diseases, etc.	2	3
Other causes	2	1
	16	19

There were no deaths from Puerperal Diseases.

DEATH RATE

The Deathrate per 1,000 was 14.8

INFANTILE DEATHS.

There were six deaths under 1 year of age.

2 Males and 4 Females.
1 Female was illegitimate.

Rate per 1000 live births = 142.8

This figure appears enormous. I find all the deaths occurred shortly after birth from Congenital Debility. The rate being on a comparatively small total of births is necessarily larger.

(C)

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

The Officers are .-

J.E. Taylor.	L.M.S.S.A	Medical Officer.
E. Pexton.		Sanitary Inspector (Diploma)

There has been no change in Laboratory, Ambulance, Nursing, Clinics or Hospital Services.

These are all adequate.

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. WATER - Supplied by Borough of Huddersfield.

After twenty years effort, there is at last an adequate supply on the Hill Tops, although the supply at times of coffee coloured water is still disliked.

2. DRAINAGE. There has been no notable extension this year.

3. RIVERS & STREAMS. No action has been necessary.

4. CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Privies - open middens	Nil
Privies - covered middens	151
Pail or Tub Closets	8
Water Closets	318
Waste Water Closets	5
Reconstructed as Water Closets	Nil
Additional Water Closets for old property	2
Water Closets to new houses	23

5. SCAVENGING

There has been no change in the system.

During the year 1128 loads were tipped.

Farmers removed 233 loads from sewage works

6. SMOKE ABATEMENT

Observations	2
Cautions	Nil
Legal Action	Nil

7. SWIMMING POOLS

None are required.

8. SCHOOLS.

There are two in the area, both are in a satisfactory condition.

9. RED BUGS.

No action necessary, except on one case - now clear.

(E)

H O U S I N G.

1. INSPECTION OF HOUSES.

1. (a)	Total number for Housing defects	25
(b)	Number of inspections made for this purpose	36
2. (a)	Number inspected and recorded	Nil
(b)	Number of visits for this purpose	Nil
3. (a)	Number of houses needing further action	3
(b)	Number of houses not in all respects fit for habitation	22
(c)	Number found dangerous and unfit	Nil

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT FORMAL NOTICES.

Dwelling-houses rendered fit	22
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3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS

(A) Sections 9, 10, 16, Housing Act 1936.

(1)	Notices served requiring repairs	2
(2)	Houses rendered fit	2
(a)	By Owners	2

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Dwelling Houses, notices served requiring defects to be remedied.	22
(2) Defects remedied after formal notice	22
(3) By Owners	22

C. There were no proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of Housing Act, 1936.

D. No proceedings were necessary under Section 12. of Housing Act, 1936.

E. Unhealthy Areas.

No action required.

Houses erected during 1936.

1. By Local Authority	12
2. By Private Enterprise	11
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Total	23
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Housing Conditions

There is no acute shortage now.

F. Housing Act 1935. Overcrowding.

(a) 1. Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	16
2. Number of families dwelling therein	16
3. Number of persons dwelling therein	81
(b) Number of new cases reported	Nil
(c) 1. Number of cases relieved	16
2. Number of persons concerned	80
(d) Houses again overcrowded after being relieved	Nil.

G. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

- (a) MILK SUPPLY Regular inspections were made, and no action was necessary.
- (b) MEAT, ETC. Slaughter-house and Shops have always been found in good order.

No action required.

H. I N F E C T I O U S D I S E A S E S.

Cases Notified

Scarlet Fever	3
Diphtheria	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1
Tuberculosis	1

TUBERCULOSIS

One case of Non Pulmonary Tuberculosis was notified.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the members and officers for their assistance during the year.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

M. Taylor

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